

**SELECTMEN'S MEETING
Monday March 1, 2010 7 p.m.
H. BERNARD MONAHAN MEMORIAL ROOM
TOWN HALL, 242 UNION STREET
ROCKLAND, MASSACHUSETTS**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
MOS**

OPEN FORUM

~Town Clerk Mary Pat Kaszanek witnessed signatures of the BOS on Bond Anticipation Notes for some of the first bills involved with the design/construction of the HS-Middle School project.

**~Energy Committee- Solar/Esten School Solar Grant Award
Carol Perelli, Chair of the Energy Committee, spoke to the BOS to announce the award of another solar array grant to the Town of Rockland. The solar panels will be installed at the Esten School. The BOS praised the work of the committee.**

~Andy Triantaffelow asks questions regarding discovery of one former employee still listed as receiving dental insurance. He also questioned the segregation of donation of funds to the tax abatement program. He is worried where the money is going if deposited to the General Fund.

~Jim Paul of the Historical Commission discussed the upcoming programs at the G.A.R. Hall and announced they would be posted on Rockland's EventKeeper.

1. **Open Session Minutes of February 16, 2010**
~MOTION to approve by Ms. O'Brien, 2nd by Mr. Zupkofska passed 5-0.
2. **Executive Session Minutes of February 16, 2010**
~MOTION to approve not to be released until all matters are settled, by Ms. O'Brien, 2nd by Mr. Zupkofska passed 5-0.

OLD BUSINESS

3. **Taxation Aid Committee**

~TA Chiocca announced the mailing of a postcard by the Taxation Aid Committee requesting donations to the Trust Fund to help off-set some taxes for some eligible seniors.

4. **No Item**

NEW BUSINESS

Item # 6 taken out of order

6. **South Shore Vocational School renovation –roof and windows**

~Superintendent Charles Homer and Rockland's Representative Gerry Blake, Chair of the SS Vocational School spoke to the BOS regarding a proposed roof and window replacement capital improvement project. The total SS Voc project is \$3.1million of which approximately \$1.6 million will be funded by MSBA. The eight member towns will be responsible if approved for \$1.5 million. The cost of the project is scheduled to coordinate with the end of the current debt from the expansion at SS Voc 20 years ago.

~MOTION by Mr. Chaffee 2nd by Mr. Zupkofska to place an Acticle before the Town Meeting to provide the voters the opportunity to review the proposal.

Back to the agenda

5. 7:30 PM Hearing “Cote Maison” License Transfer

~MOTION to open the hearing by Mr. Chaffee, 2nd Mr. Zupkofska, passed 5-0.

Edward Damon appeared before the BOS to discuss the license transfer. Mr. Damon discussed the reason for the purchase, and hopes to operate the business.

~MOTION to close the hearing by Mr. Chaffee, 2nd by Ms. O’Brien, passed 5-0.

~MOTION to approve by Mr. Chaffee, 2nd by Ms. O’Brien passed 5-0.

30. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE

~Mr. Chiocca informed the BOS Fire Chief DiPoli has decided he will be ending his service to Rockland by July 1, 2010. Mr. Chiocca stated he would have recommendations for the BOS at the next meeting on 3/15/10.

~Discussed the ongoing investigation into the review of one employee still being on the list of employees receiving dental insurance after leaving the employ of Rockland. Corrective measures have been implemented.

~Reminder-BOS Meeting Agendas are posted on the EventKeeper.

~Informed the BOS all files have been transferred from Kopelman & Paige to new Land Use Counsel Atty. Robert Galvin.

~Informed the BOS that John Clifford and Bob Galvin have agreed to conduct a legal seminar for all Boards and Committees in June regarding new State laws and reporting requirements for all public meeting etc. as requested by Chairman Simpson. The seminar and complete agenda topics are still being developed.

~Reminded the community the Town Meeting Warrant deadline for submission of article is noon on March 12, 2010.

~BAT Bus is pleased with the ridership during its beginning phases here in Rockland and will have a report for the BOS soon.

SELECTMEN'S COMMENTS

Comments and opinions expressed by individual members do not necessarily reflect the views of all of the BOS and are the opinions and comments of only the individual member.

Ms. O'Brien

~Discussed exploration of sites to locate a HUD senior center

Mr. Johnson- No Comments

Mr. Zupkofska

~Discussed the PLA vote

~Disagrees with having Town Counsel at Step II Grievance hearings.

~Mentioned the audit language

~Disagrees with the state law allowing payroll warrants to be approved for payment by one authorized signature of a committee member.

~MOTION “for this Board to rescind that policy and require a majority of those Boards that aren’t currently doing it make it a requirement for all Boards and Committees to have a majority sign off on it.”

Mr. Johnson stated he would be willing to modify the motion if those Boards Mr. Zupkofska identified as being problem Boards or problem Committees come before the next meeting and discuss why it is happening so we can be fully informed about it. After further discussion there was no Second.

Mr. Chaffee

~Discussed timing of the Special Town Meeting.

~Discussed recovery of WATD Bill Wilhelm and wish him well.

~ Announced School Building Committee schedule.

Mr. Simpson

~Discussed exploring options for building a new Senior Center and additional senior housing. Current waiting list has over 200 names for housing.

~Requested review of legal expenses and the IT Committee

~Asked any committees identified by Mr. Zupkofska as having warrant signature issues be invited to the next meeting.

31. Executive Session to discuss Collective Bargaining Issues

~Firefighters Step II Grievance

~Non Union Personnel Contract

~MOTION to go into Executive Session by Mr. Chaffee, second by Ms. O'Brien for the purpose of hearing a grievance and for negotiations with non union personnel. Roll Call vote passed 5-0.

Allan R. Chiocca
Town Administrator

Lawrence J. Chaffee, Vice Chairman
Board of Selectmen

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